FINDS NO GLOOM **AMID WAR RUINS**

Pierre Loti, Visiting Bombarded Towns in Belgium, Sees No Air of Sadness.

KING'S FAITH UNDYING

His Own Patriotism Gives Him Unflinching Belief in Loyalty of Allies.

ial Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, April 16.—On my way to "In the trenches," the general headquarters of the Belgian army, whither I am bearing a meassage from the President of the French Republic to he met. and savagely bombarded by the Germans, where at this hour icy wind, snow, rain, and hall are raging be-

neath the darkening sky.

Here, as at Tpres, the barbarians turned their guns specially against the historic portion of the place, against the charming old town hall and its surroundings. This was done because King Albert when first driven from his palace installed himself there.

The Germans, with a nicety of discrimi-nation which the whole world now no longer denies, immediately fastened on the spot and shelled it with their ferocious big guns. It goes without saying that in the streets, where I sloweed up my automo-ble in order to better appreciate the Kai-ser's civilizing work, there was scarcely a soul. Here and there groups of soldiers of all arms, who, with their coat collars turned up or hoods thrown over their heads, hastened between squalls, running like children with hearty laughter, as if the drenching 'momentarily, not from shells, was very funny.

No Air of Sadness.

How is it there is just now no air of sadness about this half-deserted town? One would think the gayety of these sol-

door life, with good food, has gilded the cheeks of the soldiers spared by shrapnel, but what especially sustains them is their entire confidence in the certainty that they have obtained the upper hand and are now marching to victory. They forsee an end to the German invasion, just as they know this early spring weather will end.

During the momentary calm a small in a minute I shall see this king with

to lost children wandering in the woods, and they ran up to the door of my car, very pleased themselves to see my naval uniform. With their frank, honest faces and sparkling eyes, they appeared picked men. Other sail-

see my naval uniform. With their frank, honest faces and sparkling eyes, they appeared picked men. Other sallors passing in the distance to whom I hadn't beckoned also came hurrying up with a charmingly respectful familiarity. One of our generals commanding the army on the northern front talked to me yesterday about the pleasing familiarity which now prevails from the top to the bottom of the military scale. It is quite a new characteristic of this profoundly national war, in which the whole army marches hand in hand.

"In the trenches," the general said to me, "if I stop to talk with a soldler, others surround me, so I may talk twith them, too, and their brotherhood the modest passage, where I have just the modest passage.

of the French Republic to his maj-esty King Albert, I today traversed our thousands of dead could be re-Furnes, one of the towns uselessly turned to us what a tremendous turned to us what a tremendous amount of good the Germans would have done us by bringing us close together. We have only one heart.'

Soldiers Are Cheerful. It is about an hour's run between Furnes and Houthen- It is a flat country and the weather was frightful— the broken roads, the flooded fields, that seemed like marshes, and the few trenches and chevaux frise all remind-ed one that the barbarians were still

For all that, it was impossible to be For all that, it was impossible to be melancholy. Every minute I met soldiers whose open countenances, breathing courage and gayety, restored my serenity. Even the poor sappers repairing the dugouts or making barriers with water up to their knees were a merry smile beneath their dripping hoods and what a locate soldiers. ping hoods. And what a lot of soldiers, Belgians and French, there were ming-ing fraternally in the smallest hamlet. What a prodigy of organization that all these men are sheltered and

Who said there was no Belgian soldiers left? I am always meeting considerable detachments marching in good order to the front, well equipped and of

orsee an end to the German invasion, least as they know this early spring teather will end.

During the momentary calm a small in a minute I shall see this King withgroup of French sailors suddenly gath-out reproach as without fear. But for ered near me. I could not refrain the troops and the numerous military automobiles one would never imagine this

door of the royal residence. There is no ceremonial whatever. I pass through the modest passage, where I have just time to divest myself of my greatcoat, when the door opens, and in a recess stands the King—tall, slim, of regular features, with an astonishingly youthful air, eyes frank, sweet and noble, and with his hand outstretched in hearty welcoms.

In the course of my life other kings and emperors have received me, but for all their pomp and the splendor of their palaces never have I felt so much respect for a sovereign majesty as on the threshold of this cottage, so infinitely aggrandized by misfortune and sacrifice. When I expressed this feeling to King Albert he regular soul. feeling to King Albert he replied, smil-

Table Covered with Maps. He completed the phrase with an indifferent gesture, which took in his humble surroundings. Modest, indeed, was the room I entered, but in the absence of all vulgar display it, never-theless, had the distinction of well-filled bookshelves which entirely covered one side. At one end stood an open piano with its book of music. In the middle was a big table covered

with maps and strategic plans.

The window was open, despite the cold. It looked out on a little oldworld priest's garden, secluded, leaf-less and sad, as though weeping with

the winter's rain. of the solution that the gayety of these solutions diers, despite the sinister weather, had communicated itself to things devastated. Solution with convoys of excellent modern artillery.

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then, when one has a chance to be heard, how can one refrain from wishing to spread the glory of such a

he deserves the veneration of the French nation.

when I told him I had seen pictures of the King and Queen of the Belgians in the place of honor in the remotest country huts in France with little black, yellow and red flags piously pinned around them he hardly seemed to believe me. His smile and his silence seemed to reply: "What I have done is very natural. Would any King worthy of the name have been time the holy struggle. Let us bow to the earth before this King. At nightfall, when the audience was ended, I again trod the pathway of the roads broken by rail and military wagons I remained under the charmed spell of my welcome. I compared two sovereigns, placed, so to say, at either pole of humanity; one at the luminous When I told him I had seen pichave done is very natural. Would any King worthy of the name have been able to do otherwise?"

Then we talked about the Darde-nelles, where grave issues are now be-ing decided. He questioned me about the snares of these shores, which I had long frequented and which are always When the icy gust blew in through the open window he rose and closed

it with a gracious solicitude for my Next we talked of rifles and artil-

lery. His majesty was acquainted with them all, like a general tempered to his trade. Crown Was Unexpected.

What a strange destiny for this

Suddenly, without weakening, without even hesitation, disdaining compro-mises which to the detriment of world civilization might have saved his cities and palaces, he opposed the monster's onrush like a great war king amidst this army of heroes.

Today it is plain he does not doubt the victory is coming. His own loyalty gives him entire confidence in the loyalty of the allies, who are indeed intent on restoring his Belgium to life.

him. "Do your best, but see that I am not mentioned." and I know and understand the horror he professes for anything resembling an interview.

I at first decided to say nothing, but brutes, is only a heap of ruins. That is brutes, is only a heap of ruins. That is

name?
What struck me most about the King was his sincere and exquisite modesty. He is unconscious of having behaved admirably. He does not think he deserves the veneration of the Valorous troops alert fresh mirrorlously. valorous troops, alert, fresh, miraculously revived, proceeding to the front to con-tinue the holy struggle. Let us bow to

spell of my welcome. I compared two sovereigns, placed, so to say, at either pole of humanity; one at the luminous pole, the other at the darksome pole; one bloated with hypocrisy and arrogance, a monster among monsters, with blood dripping from his hands, with blood dripping from his hands, with torn flesh hanging from his finger nails, yet still surrounded with insolent pomp; the other relegated without murmur to a village cottage, on the last strip of his martyred kingdom, but unto whom his martyred kingdom, but unto whom rises from the whole civilized earth a concert of sympathies, enthusiasm and tion in the war, the dormant fear of the entrance of a new foe, equal at least to lease "certain real estate."

The matter came before Supreme Court

Court Gives Permission, but Sheriff

Says He Won't. New York, April 10.-Abel I. Smith, of

When the unexpected crown was placed on his youthful forehead he thought he had a right to hope for an era of peace in the midst of the most peaceful of people. Yet he was to exerience the most fearful tragedy of tion to allow Thaw to exercise outside the Tombs prison in company of a deputy. The sheriff said tonight:

"I do business only by order courts and do not intend to take the initiative in this or any other matter. I will use my discretion and allow Thaw to remain where he is."

KLIS WIFE: DIES IN WELL.

Jealous Husband Murderer and Sul cide When Spouse Leaves.

German Officials Calm Subjects with Economic

Arguments.

Allied Press Clamors for Italy's Participation; but Is Stricken by Floods.

pecial to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, April 10.-Ever since the bomand the Franco-phile Italian press be- in an action brought in the Supreme

hands with France, England and Russia, although that among the masses of Italy a war against Austria would be immensely popular.

The reasons they gave were first of all Italy's economical position. During the first six months of the war Italy's imports decreased 47 per cent. During January last export business improved a little and continued to improve during February, but the imports are still 35. February, but the imports are still 35 per cent below normal. Many Italian industries are completely paralyzed and the number of unemployed is greater than for years, because the half million people who formerly migrated to France and Germany every year are now com-pelled to remain at home. Great parts of the country have suf-

fered enormous damage from floods and One Bottle Compound HAIR DYE many thousand acres of fertile land

many thousand acres of fertile land have been under water. The damage done is very considerable.

The kingdom's revenues have decreased by more than 100,000,000 lires and it does not improve matters that the provinces devastated by earthquake and flood have been exempted from paying taxes this devastated by earthquake and flood have been exempted from paying taxes this year. At the same time the army of year. At the same time the army of Too,000 men which Italy is forced to keep to the things of the transport of the under arms costs the treasury an ener-mous amount, and besides the recent | Bept. Wash. 2827 Wysafeffe Easts City, He.: U.S.A.

can of one thousand million lires it be soon necessary to issue a new loan of triple that amount. The price of government bonds is rapidly going down.

So far the price of living in Italy had not gone up very much, except breakbut this has been enough to cause famine like conditions in Southern Italy and Sicily. The grain in the country is barely sufficient to last to the end of this month.

month.

The chambers are strongly opposed to war, especially the senate. As for the government, nobody knows what its intentions are. Salandra's speeches in November and recently at the opening of parliament were absolutely noncommittal. He strongly emphasized that Italy must benefit by the ware but its light must be self to the PEOPLE FEAR MAY BE FOE say how and by what means.

BABE DEFENDANT IN COURT.

Months' Old Daughter Duchess Party to Suit.

New York, April 10.-Helene Violette De Talleyrand, the daughter born to the Duchess De Tallyrand (formerly Anna Gould) in Paris less than two months bardment of the Dardanelles was begun ago, was today made a party defendant

the entrance of a new foe, equal at least to Austria, in military and naval power, has agitated the minds of Berliners.

In official circles, however, calmer views prevail. Several prominent officials of the German foreign department agree that no fear need be felt of Italy joining hands with France, England and Russia, although that among the masses of Italy acting executors and trustees, that the infant Helene be made a party to the latter and the provided as a party to the latter and the provided as a party to the latter and the provided as a party to the latter and before Supreme Court fustive Hendrick in the form of a petition filed by Taylor, Knowles & Hack, as counsel for George J. Gould, Edwin Gould and Helen G. Shepard, formerly Helen that no fear need be felt of Italy joining hands with France, England and Russia, although that among the masses of Italy acting and helen the provided and the provided a ointed Lorenzo

Alimony for Mrs. Grant.

New York, April 10.—Supreme Court Justice Giegerich today decided that Mrs. Elizabeth Grant, wife of Jesse Grant, son of former President U. S. Grant, is entitled to \$350 on May 8 next and \$175 a month thereafter from her husband. This is part of the \$1,000 annual income from a trust fund established by Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, mother of Jesse Grant.

MAYOR'S WALNUT-OIL

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